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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING VISIT TO EAST BERLIN BY FRG HOUSING
- MINISTER

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1. FRG PERMREP DEPUTY CHIEF BERTELE INFORMED US
AUGUST 29 THAT THE FRG MINISTER FOR HOUSING, HAACK, WILL
BEGIN A VISIT TO EAST BERLIN AND THE GDR ON SEPTEMBER 11.
BERTELE SAID THAT, APART FROM THE RECENT EAST BERLIN
VISIT BY STATE SECRETARY WISCHNEWSKI AND VISITS TO THE
LEIPZIG FAIR BY FRG ECONOMIC OFFICIALS, HAACK WILL BE
THE FIRST CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIAL TO VISIT EAST BERLIN/GDR
SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS. BERTELE ADDED THAT
PLANS FOR THE VISIT DATED BACK AT LEAST ONE YEAR, WERE
INTERRUPTED BY THE DEFEAT OF HAACK'S PREDECESSOR IN LOCAL
ELECTIONS, AND REVIVED RECENTLY BY HAACK. ACCORDING TO
BERTELE, THE VISIT WAS APPROVED BY THE CHANCELLOR.

2. BERTELE NOTED THAT HAACK'S VISIT WOULD PROBABLY
ATTRACT MEDIA ATTENTION, BUT TENDED TO PLAY DOWN ITS
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POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE, EITHER AS A POSSIBLE FORERUNNER
FOR A VISIT BY SCHMIDT OR AS A COUNTER TO THE PROBLEM
THE FRG IS HAVING WITH THE GDR AT THE PRESENT TIME OVER
THE ACTIVITY OF WEST GERMAN MEDIA REPS HERE. BERTELE SAID
THAT THE LATTER SUBJECT WOULD PROBABLY COME UP DURING
THE DISCUSSIONS THAT HAACK WILL HAVE, WITH THE WEST GERMANS
REITERATING THEIR EARLIER REMARKS THAT SUCH THINGS CAN NOT

HELP FRG/GDR RELATIONS.

3. HAACK APPARENTLY WILL SPEND A COUPLE OF DAYS IN
EAST BERLIN, LOOKING AT HOUSING PROJECTS, AND THEN VISIT
ONE OR TWO CITIES IN THE GDR BEFORE HIS RETURN TO THE FRG.
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